

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Hearings - Proposed 2016 Annual Action Plan
City of Bryan, Texas

The city's Community Development Services (CDS) Dept. prepared a draft **2016 Annual Action Plan (AAP)**. The City will hold one public hearing to satisfy requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). A second Public Hearing will be held to solicit input regarding fair housing/affirmative marketing. These hearings will be held: Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Bryan Municipal Office Building, Basement Training Room, 300 S. Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas at 6:00 P.M. A comment period for the AAP will occur from June 27, 2016 through July 26, 2016. The proposed 2016 AAP will be submitted to the Bryan City Council for action at its tentatively scheduled July 12, 2016 meeting and to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than August 15, 2016. Project funding will be available and committed beginning October 1, 2016. The agenda is as follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING and PUBLIC HEARINGS
Monday, June 27, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.
Bryan Municipal Office Building, Basement Training Room
300 S. Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas 77803

- I. Call to order Public Meeting
- II. Recognition of Affidavits filed in Response to State law on Disclosure of Local Citizens Conflict of Interest
- III. Approval of the Minutes from May 12, 2016 Public Meeting
- IV. Recognition of Visitors/Citizens to be Heard
- V. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on Community Development Services Department Programs:
 - a. Minor Repair
 - b. Major Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
 - c. Housing Developments
 - d. Homebuyer's Assistance
 - e. Public Services and Public Facilities/Infrastructure
- VI. Call to Order Public Hearings
 - a. Open Public Hearing I
 - i. Summary of Draft 2016 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program funds: Presentation by Community Development Staff
 - ii. Public Comments
 - iii. Committee Comments
 - b. Close Public Hearing I
 - c. Open Public Hearing II:
 - i. Fair Housing and Affirmative Marketing Plan: Presentation by Community Development Staff
 - ii. Public Comments
 - iii. Committee Comments
 - d. Close Public Hearing I
- VII. Adjournment

The 2016 AAP was developed through a community participation process and in response to prioritized needs described in the **2015-19 Consolidated Plan (CP)**. The APP is required by HUD when funds are received from the following grants: CDBG; HOME; ESG (Emergency Shelter Grant); or HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) grant. The City receives CDBG and HOME funds.

The City will receive \$855,207.00 of CDBG and \$272,717.00 of HOME funds for the 2016 program year. Not less than 70% of grant funds must benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The City expects to meet or exceed HUD's minimum required LMI benefit. CDBG / HOME funds must address at least one of HUD's three National Objectives: Benefit Low- to Moderate-Income Individuals; Eliminate Slum or Blight; Meet an Urgent Community Need. Program performance will be evaluated against HUD's three basic statutory goals: Decent Housing; A Suitable Living Environment; Expanded Economic Opportunities. HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program activities are not intended. Up to five (5) times the annual Block Grant can be requested for eligible activities, if there is determined to be a need.

City of Bryan 2016 Annual Action Plan
Proposed Projects/Activities

CDBG Projects: Relation to 2015-19 Consolidated Plan and Funds Leveraged

Total CDBG Allocation: \$855,207.00

It is anticipated that \$19,000.00 in program income will also be available during the 2016 program year from the grantee, with no program income from sub-recipients. Because the City is a HOME Entitlement City, the proposed uses of funds are listed separately. The 2016 AAP proposes the following CDBG funded projects:

1. **Homeowner Housing Assistance (\$555,885.00)** - Addresses Objectives 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the Affordable Housing Plan and Objective 1 & 2 of the Homeless Plan of Bryan's CP. While CDBG is primary funding source, rehabilitation/reconstruction recipients contribute to project costs. Funds will provide a minimum of 24 families housing assistance in a variety of ways, to include: infrastructure, housing developments, replacement, handicap accessibility, minor repair, acquisition, voluntary demolition, homebuyer assistance, staff program delivery, and other costs necessary to carry out program activities (Outcome objective: decent housing availability/accessibility).
2. **Administration (\$171,041.00)** - Expenses related to administration of CDBG and HOME programs.
3. **Public Service Agency Funding (\$128,281.00)** -The following projects address Objective 1 of the Non-Housing Plan of Bryan's 2015-19 CP (Outcome objective codes: suitable living environment, availability/accessibility).
 - a. Bryan Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Program (interdepartmental funding), \$35,000.00 - For eligible operating expenses including partial salaries, supplies, equipment, transportation and field trips. Offered in 5 Bryan low and moderate-income neighborhood parks, provides educational, social, and recreational activities to approximately 675 unduplicated clients. CDBG represents approximately 33% of this activity's funding.
 - b. MHMR of BV – Mary Lake Peer Support Center, \$32,715.00 – Provides for eligible expenses including salaries, utilities, maintenance, and supplies for a Peer Support Program estimated to serve 55 unduplicated clients. CDBG represents approximately 53% of activity's funding.

- c. Voices for Children (Court Appointed Advocates) Program, \$19,755.00 - Provides for eligible expenses (staff salaries, and benefits, etc.). Program provides court appointed advocates for children in the child welfare systems of Texas. The program will serve an estimated 215 unduplicated clients. CDBG represents 3% of this activity's funding.
- d. Catholic Charities Financial Stability Program, \$10,811.00 (plus \$10,621.00 from City of College Station for a total of \$21,432.00) – Provides for eligible expenses (staff salaries and benefits, rent, utilities, etc.). The Program assists clients with rental and utility assistance, case management, referrals and education. The program will serve an estimated 340 unduplicated clients. CDBG from Bryan and College Station represents approximately 12% of this activity's funding.
- e. Brazos Maternal and Child Health Clinic Prenatal Program, \$30,000.00 - Provides for eligible expenses, (staff salaries, medical equipment, etc.). Provides testing, physician exams, procedures, education, etc. for expectant mothers. The program will serve an estimated 680 unduplicated clients. CDBG represents 5% of this activity's funding.

HOME Projects: Relation to 2015-19 Consolidated Plan and Funds Leveraged

Total HOME Allocation: \$272,717.00

An estimated \$60,000.00 in program income will also be available during the 2016 program year from the grantee, with no program income from sub-recipients. Funds become available October 1, 2016. Funds are used for eligible housing programs. Funds are meant to: provide decent affordable housing to lower-income households; expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers; strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing; and to leverage private-sector participation. The 2016 AAP proposes the following HOME funded projects:

1. **Home Owner Housing Assistance (\$119,537.75)** - Addresses Objective 1 of the Affordable Housing Plan of Bryan's CP to assist families with major housing rehabilitation/reconstruction. A minimum of 1 family targeted citywide for assistance. (Outcome objectives: decent housing/sustainability).
2. **Down Payment Assistance/Acquisition (\$85,000.00)** - Addresses Objective 2 of the Affordable Housing Plan of Bryan's CP. Minimum of 10 families target citywide for assistance (Outcome objectives: decent housing/affordability).
3. **Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) (\$40,907.55)** - Addresses Objectives 1, 3 and 4 of the Affordable Housing Plan and Objective 1 and 2 of the Homeless Plan of Bryan's CP with 1 CHDO (non-profit whose mission is affordable housing) activity targeted (Outcome objectives: decent housing/affordability).
4. **Administration (\$27,271.70)** - No priority assigned.

Match Requirements

The city's HOME match requirement has been waived. Estimated HOME leveraging is anticipated to be \$1.2 million.

A list of public meetings held during the current year to prepare the AAP are listed on the website below. Citizens wanting to comment on the plans and/or programs may do so during the Public Comment Period (June 27, 2016 through July 26, 2016) by mailing written comments to the Bryan Community Development Services Dept., P.O. Box 1000, Bryan, TX 77805, or by calling (979) 209-5175, or by visiting the CDS Office at the Horizon Building, 405 W. 28th St., Bryan, TX 77803. Office hours are 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. A draft of the AAP will be available for review at the CDS Office and on the web at: <http://www.bryantx.gov/community-development>. Citizens interested in addressing the Bryan City Council on the proposed plan, programs, and funding recommendations, may do so at the tentatively scheduled July 12, 2016 council meeting, 6:00 P.M., Council Chambers, Bryan Municipal Building, during the "Citizens to be Heard" portion of the agenda.

To comment or request information, call the Community Development Services Office at 979-209-5175 or visit the Office at 405 West 28th St., Room 138, or by mail at P.O. Box 1000, Bryan, TX 77805. FOR INFORMATION ON SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION, TDD OR OTHER TRANSLATION OR ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF BRYAN CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 209-5002 AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME OF THE MEETING SO THAT YOUR REQUEST MAY BE ACCOMMODATED.

Para comentar o pedir información, llama al oficina de los Servicios del Desarrollo Comunitario a 979-209-5175 o visita el oficina en 405 West 28th St. Habitación 138, o por correo a P.O. Box 1000, Bryan, TX 77805. *PARA INFORMACIÓN EN LA INTERPRETACIÓN DE LENGUAJE POR SEÑAS, TDD O OTRA INFORMACIÓN DE TRADUCCIÓN O ACCESIBILIDAD, POR FAVOR CONTACTE LA OFICINA DE LA SECRETARÍA DE LA CIUDAD DE BRYAN AL 979-209-5002 POR LO MENOS 48 HORAS ANTES DEL TIEMPO PLANIFICADO DE LA REUNIÓN PARA QUE SU PETICIÓN PUEDA SER ACOMODADA.*

Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)

CDAC consists of Bryan City Council appointed citizens tasked with holding regular public meetings to review, advise, and make recommendations related to the administration of the city's CDBG and HOME grant activities.

Planning for the 2016 AAP began in early 2016 as CDAC held numerous public meetings on: January 14, 2016, February 11, 2016, March 10, 2016, April 21, 2016, May 12, 2016 and June 27, 2016. Two of the public meetings (March 10th and June 27th) included public hearings, presentations and discussion on the CDBG and HOME grant allocations for the proposed 2016 AAP. Those same meetings also included public hearings to provide information and receive comments related to Fair Housing and Affirmative Marketing issues in Bryan. The June 27, 2016 meeting began a 30-day public comment period, which ended July 26, 2016. All meetings include a public comment section as well as staff provides information for the planning process at each meeting. Housing funds are meant to provide decent affordable housing to lower-income households; expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers; strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing; spur economic development and to leverage private-sector participation.

Joint Relief Funding Review Committee (JRFRC)

JRFRC consists of appointees from both Bryan and College Station city councils who receive and review applications, accept public input, and make recommendations related to public service agency (PSA) funding in the community. JRFRC recommendations are forwarded to the Bryan and College Station city councils for consideration of PSA funding allocations using a portion of each city's CDBG grant allocations.

During the 2016 AAP planning process, there were multiple JRFRC meetings held jointly by the Bryan and College Station Community Development offices. PSA applications were solicited and received between February 15, and March 24, 2016. A pre-proposal workshop was held on February 15, 2016 and another seven public JRFRC meetings were held on the following dates: April 7, 2016, April 14, 2016, April 21, 2016, April 28, 2016, May 5, 2016, and two meetings on May 18, 2016. JRFRC recommendations were then forwarded to the respective city councils. Public service funding is coordinated through a competitive Request for Proposal process and funding is for new or improved access to services for health and/or social service nonprofits.